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JAKARTA FOR AMBASSADOR NEWSOM, DEPT PASS D/LOS: JOHN NORTON MOORE,
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SUBJECT: LOS: PHILIPPINES - INDONESIA ARCHIPELAGO DOCTRINE

1. TIMES JOURNAL OF MAY 31 CARRIED ACCOUNT OF MARCOS-SUHARTO TALKS PREPARED BY PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY AND DATE-LINED DAVAO WHICH ATTRIBUTED FOLLOWING TO PHILIPPINE PRESS SECRETARY TATAD: QUOTE: THE TWO PRESIDENTS REITERATED A COMMON STAND ON THE ARCHIPELAGIC DOCTRINE WHEREBY THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE A COMMON POSITION IN THE FORTHCOMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, NEXT MONTH. END QUOTE. WE HAVE ALSO OBTAINED FROM DFA A COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM PHILIPPINE CONSULATE MENADO TRANSMITTING POOL REPORT PREPARED BY AP'S
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GIL SANTOS WHICH SAID: QUOTE: THEY ALSO AGREED ON THE

ARCHIPELAGIC DOCTRINE WHICH STIPULATES THAT THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF ANY ARCHIPELAGO BEGINS FROM ITS OUTERMOST ISLANDS AND ALL ISLAND WATERS ARE PART OF ITS TERRITORY. BOTH PRESIDENTS AGREED ON THEIR STAND ON THE DOCTRINE WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, NEXT MONTH. END QUOTE.

2. STATEMENTS ON SUPPOSED AGREEMENT ON ARCHIPELAGO DOCTRINE BY MARCOS AND SUHARTO WERE PRESAGED ON MAY 29 BY PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY ARTICLE ON MENADO TALKS LISTING VARIOUS COMMON INTERESTS. UNDER A SUBHEADING QUOTE: ARCHIPELAGIC DOCTRINE END QUOTE, THE ARTICLE STATED THAT QUOTE: ON THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE, THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA HAVE ALIGNED THEMSELVES IN A CAMPAIGN TO WIN WORLD RECOGNITION OF WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE 'ARCHIPELAGIC DOCTRINE', GOVERNING THE LIMITS OF THEIR SPRAWLING ISLAND TERRITORIES. UNDER THIS DOCTRINE, THE BOUNDARIES OF AN ARCHIPELAGIC STATE ARE MEASURED BY STRAIGHT BASELINES CONNECTING THE OUTERMOST POINTS OF ITS FARTHEST ISLANDS, AND ALL WATERS WITHIN THOSE LIMITS FALL UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THAT STATE. THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA ARE DETERMINED, AS STATED IN THE 1972 MANILA COMMUNIQUE, THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE CONCERTED EFFORTS IN ORDER THAT THEIR BASIS ARCHIPELAGO POSITION MAY BE RECOGNIZED AND AGREED TO BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: PHILIPPINES IS NOT PAST TRYING TO SUGGEST AGREEMENT WHERE THERE IS NONE. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT IF DISCUSSIONS OF ARCHIPELAGO THEORY DID TAKE PLACE--AND WE THINK THAT HIGHLY LIKELY--THAT TWO PRESIDENTS MAY SIMPLY HAVE AGREED TO REITERATE THEIR FAITH IN ARCHIPELAGIC DOCTRINE WITHOUT COMMENT OR COMMITMENT ON QUESTION OF UNIMPEDED PASSAGE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DISCOVER FROM PHILIPPINE SOURCES WHAT TOOK PLACE ON ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING VISIT OF U.S. LOS TEAM TO MANILA JUNE 4, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL
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IF AMBASSADOR NEWSOM COULD OBTAIN INDONESIAN VERSION OF REPORTED DISCUSSIONS OF ARCHIPELAGIC DOCTRINE IN TIME FOR HIS VISIT TO MANILA.
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